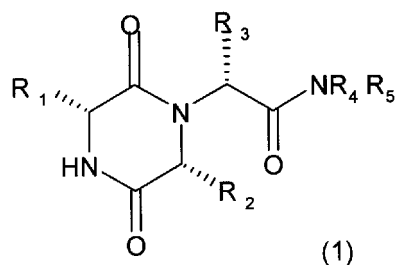


**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (ORIGINAL) A compound of formula (1)

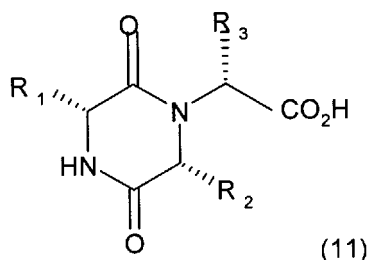


wherein  $R_1$  is 2-indanyl,  $R_2$  is 1-methylpropyl,  $R_3$  is 2-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl and  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached represents morpholino.

2. (ORIGINAL) (3R,6R)-3-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)-1-[(1R)-1-(2-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-morpholinyl)-2-oxoethyl]-6-[(1S)-1-methylpropyl]-2,5-piperazinedione.
3. (ORIGINAL) (3R,6R)-3-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)-1-[(1R)-1-(2-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-morpholinyl)-2-oxoethyl]-6-[(1R)-1-methylpropyl]-2,5-piperazinedione.
4. (ORIGINAL) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (1) as claimed in 1 together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers.
5. (Cancelled).
6. (Currently Amended) A method of treating or preventing diseases or conditions mediated through the action of oxytocin which comprises administering to a mammal in need thereof of an effective amount of a compound of the formula (I).

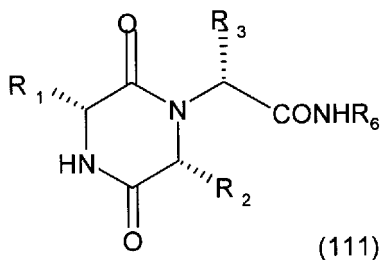
7. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of compounds of formula (I) which comprises:

(a) reacting a compound of formula (II)



wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  have the meanings defined in claim 1 or a mixed anhydride thereof, with the amine  $NHR_4R_5$  wherein  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  have the meaning defined in formula (I) under the standard condition for preparing amides from a carboxylic acid or a mixed anhydride thereof and an amine; or

(b) reacting a compound of formula (III)



wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  have the meanings defined in claim 1 and  $R_6$  is 2-hydroxyphenyl with carbonyldiimidazole or thiocarbonyldiimidazole in a suitable solvent and subsequent reaction of the product thus formed with amine  $NHR_4R_5$  wherein  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  have the meaning defined in formula (I).

8. (NEW) A method according to claim 6 wherein said compound is administered in a pharmaceutical composition.

9. (NEW) A method according to claim 6 wherein said diseases are selected from: pre-term labor, dysmenorrheal, endometriosis, benign prostatic hyperplasia, sexual dysfunction, premature ejaculation, obesity, congestive heart failure, arterial hypertension, liver cirrhosis, nephritic or ocular hypertension, obsessive-compulsive disorder and neuropsychiatric disorders.
10. (NEW) A method according to claim 6 wherein said diseases are selected from: pre-term labor and premature ejaculation.